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[YOUR AGENCY] HELPS CELEBRATE 25 YEARS OF HEALTHY STARTS:  
Helping Families in [Your Catchment Area] Have Healthy Babies

**Your Location –** Healthy Start is celebrating 25 years of impacting the health of women, infants, children, and their families by providing access to and education around health services and reproductive life planning. [Your Agency] has been linking women and families to the services in the [catchment area] community for [# of years your agency has exited]. Healthy Start is a federal program dedicated to reducing inequalities in maternal and infant health in high risk communities; [Your Agency] supports women before, during, and after pregnancy by addressing their health and social service needs, strengthening family resilience, and engaging community partners to enhance systems of care.

[Your Agency] serves women of reproductive age, pregnant women, mothers who have just given birth, and infants and families from birth to the child’s second birthday; additionally the program involves fathers throughout, and supports couples with reproductive life planning. [Maybe include a highlight of a special program you offer or would like show off.]

“We focus on family centered care, bringing parents and babies together through the first two years of life,” said [Your Director], [Your Director’s Title]. “Our programs include a fatherhood component which works with first-time and veteran dads to become better fathers. We also provide parenting support and educational tools to strengthen family resilience. Our goal is to create optimal infant and young child health and development while being engaged with the community.”

Healthy Start works in communities with infant mortality rates at least 1.5 times the national average, and high rates of low birth weight, preterm birth, and maternal mortality. Healthy Start is funded through the Health Resources and Services Administration, an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

“My experience with [Your Agency Name] has been [insert the personal experience],” said [Your CAN Participant]. “Being a part of the [Your Agency], Community Action Network has allowed me to [personal experience].”

For more information about the [Your Agency Here], visit [your agency website] or call [your agency phone number]. For more information on Healthy Start in other areas, visit <http://maps.jsi.com/healthystart/index.html>.

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